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Two Poems by Titi Obanure (Ms.)

SONG OF OUR TIME: I

Our days are uneventful and longer
 Without jobs here;
 Our evenings are unwarming and murkier
 Without hope here;
 Our nights get colder and lonelier
 Without food here;
 Yet the flicker of hope we cling to
 Is dashed by an uncertain tomorrow.

SONG OF OUR TIME: II

You,
 Warmly cosseted by plenty,
 Are an alien to poverty
 But we,
 Firmly embraced by want
 Are bedfellows with hunger.
 And how can we sing Mamser's* tune
 When our stomachs are so tuned
 To hunger's angry tone?

*Mamser is an acronym for Mass Mobilisation for Economic Recovery, Self-reliance, and Social Justice. It is a program sponsored by the Nigerian government. Its aim is to introduce a new social, political, and economic order in the country